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COMMENT AND REPLY COMMENT DATES SET FOR EEO DATA COLLECTION RULEMAKING

MB Docket No. 98-204

Comment Date: September 30, 2021
Reply Comment Date: November 1, 2021

On July 23, 2021, the Commission adopted a Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (*FNPRM*) to refresh the existing record regarding the collection of data on the FCC Form 395-B, as contemplated by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (Act).¹ The *FNPRM* was released on July 26, 2021.² The FCC Form 395-B is intended to gather workforce composition data from broadcasters on an annual basis but filing of the form has been suspended since 2001. While the Commission adopted revised regulations regarding FCC Form 395-B in 2004, the requirement that broadcasters once again submit the form to the Commission remained suspended pending resolution of certain issues, which are still outstanding. Accordingly, with the release of the *FNPRM*, the Commission seeks to refresh the record regarding the collection of broadcaster workforce composition data and obtain further input on the legal, logistical, and technical issues surrounding the FCC Form 395-B.

The *FNPRM* set deadlines for filing comments and reply comments at 30 and 60 days, respectively, after publication of the *FNPRM* in the Federal Register.³ By this *Public Notice*, the Media Bureau announces that the *FNPRM* was published in the Federal Register on August 31, 2021. Accordingly, comments must be submitted no later than September 30, 2021. Reply comments must be submitted no later than November 1, 2021. Commenters should follow the filing instructions provided in paragraph 25 of the *FNPRM*. The *FNPRM* is also available on the Commission's website.⁴

¹ 47 U.S.C. § 334(a).

² *Review of the Commission's Broadcast and Cable Equal Employment Opportunity Rules and Policies*, MB Docket No. 98-204, Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 21-88 (July 26, 2021) (*FNPRM*).

³ *Id.* at 1.

⁴ See <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-21-88A1.pdf>.

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